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DECONFRONTATION

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1. ON BASIS OF REFTEL AND NICOSIA 1850, IT APPEARS THAT UN
FIRMLY COMMITTED TO 24 PERCENT REDUCTION IN UNFICYP. WHILE
THIS IS NOT MAXIMUM DESIRED RESULT OF OUR ONGOING EFFORTS
TO BRING MANPOWER AND ORGANIZATION OF UNFICYP INTO LINE
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WITH ITS TRUE FUNCTIONS AND TO PUT OPERATION ON SELF-

FINANCING BASIS, THESE FURTHER REDUCTIONS ARE SIGNIFICANT STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT UN HAS DISCARDED EARLIER ARGUMENTS THAT UNFICYP REDUCTIONS COULD OCCUR ONLY WITH PROGRESS IN DECONFRONTATION IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND IN CONTEXT OF MANDATE CHANGE. IN ADDITION, TABLING OF US PAPER (REFTEL) WILL PROVIDE STARTING POINT FROM WHICH TO PURSUE FURTHER REDUCTIONS AND "CONVERSION" TO OBSERVER FORCE IN THE FUTURE.

2. REGARDING GUYER'S SPECIFIC REQUEST (PARA 4, REFTEL) THAT US URGE GOT TO COOPERATE WITH UNFICYP IN ACHIEVING DECONFRONTATION, DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT HEAVY US INTEREST IN UNFICYP REDUCTION, NEED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO SYG, AND OUR

OWN INTERESTS IN KEEPING CYPRUS SITUATION AS DEFUSED AS POSSIBLE ARGUE FOR US REPRESENTATIONS TO GOT IN THIS REGARD. THERE IS PROBABLY SOME DANGER IN GOING TO TURKS ON DECONFRONTATION AT THIS JUNCTURE SINCE GOT WILL PROBABLY BUILD COUNTERFIRE AGAINST ANY UN REDUCTION AT ALL. WE BELIEVE THIS CONSIDERATION OUTWEIGHED BY POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF GOING TO GOT PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THEY WILL GET WIND OF UNFICYP REDUCTION IN VERY NEAR FUTURE ANYWAY. WHILE DEPARTMENT IS UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT REPRESENTATIONS TO GOT CONCERNING DECONFRONTATION WILL HAVE FRIENDLY RECEPTION IN ANKARA, WE DO HAVE SOME SENSE THAT GOT POSITION IS SOMEWHAT SOFTER THAN THAT OF TURK CYPRIOTS.

3. FOR ANKARA: IN CONTEXT OF CONTINUING US/GOT DIALOGUE RE CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS AND AT LEVEL EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE, SUGGEST YOU TAKE NEXT AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO GOT INTERLOCUTORS:

A. RECENT STRONG STATEMENT BY GOG PRES PAPADOPOULOS SPECIFICALLY CONDEMNING GRIVAS AND HIS ACTIONS HAS HAD POSITIVE EFFECT ON ISOLATING GRIVAS' FANATICS.

B. GIVEN THIS DEVELOPMENT, USG BELIEVES TIME IS RIGHT FOR SITUATION TO MOVE FORWARD, PARTICULARLY WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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REGARD TO LOCAL TALKS.

C. AS GOT AWARE, VIOLENT INTERCOMMUNAL INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN PRACTICALLY NONEXISTENT SINCE 1968 AND REDUCED TO ZERO IN RECENT YEARS.

D. BECAUSE OF ABOVE FACTORS AND BECAUSE OF THE DESIRE OF TROOP AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO REDUCE

UNFICYP AND PUT IT ON SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS, USG URGES
GOT TO GIVE POSITIVE CONSIDERATION TO DECONFRONTATION
PROPOSALS SUGGESTED BY UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND
UNFICYP. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT FURTHER DECONFRONTATION
WOULD BE IN BEST INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES AND CONTRIBUTE
TO PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM.

4. FOR USUN: CANADIANS HAVE ALREADY MADE REPRESENTATIONS
TO GOT ON DECONFRONTATION AND COMPROMISE IN LOCAL TALKS.
YOU MAY INFORM GUYER IN GENERAL TERMS THAT WE INTEND TO
MAKE THE POINT IN ANKARA. AT THE SAME TIME BELIEVE YOU
SHOULD SUGGEST TO GUYER THAT HE REQUEST UK TO MAKE
SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONSIN ANKARA AND THAT SYG SUPPORT
THESE ACTIVITIES BY HIMSELF URGING TURKS TO BE FORTHCOMING
ON DECONFRONTATION. ROGERS

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